



It seems very difficult to realise how recently Chilean wines have entered U.K. markets. Twenty years ago, most Chilean wine was very cheap and all consumed domestically. Now we find our customers require an extensive range of Chilean wines especially at House and Entry Level. The range of Los Pastos, Simplicity, Lark's Ridge, Los Espinos, Nostros, Concha y Toro, and Casa Silva offer very high quality and excellent value which is why there are so many gem stones and ££ over the page.



CASA SILVA

Casa Silva is not the best known Chilean wine name in Great Britain but it ought to be. The reason is simple - no other Chilean winery has won as many domestic and international awards for its wines. The business is a family firm with Colchagua vineyards and produces premium wines at unmatched prices. This was recognised by Robert Parker, the world renowned American wine critic. In his review of Chilean wines, the Casa Silva Cabernet Sauvignon was one of the top five wines and by far the best value. Their Casa Silva Carmenère won the first and subsequent Carmenère competitions. No wonder that we consider the Cabernet Carmenère to be an Absolute Gem. The Casa Silva wines show the benefit of old wines and careful hand-crafted winemaking. Our picture shows the team at work!

CARMENÈRE

It is perhaps odd to be comparing Chile of the New World with St. Emilion, that bastion of the Right Bank of Bordeaux. However Carmenère, now Chile's own red wine grape, started there along with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot etc. Even now Carmenère is one of the limited number of permitted varieties of grape for St. Emilion but is used very rarely.

What happened?

Merlot is surprisingly a comparatively recent grape. Two hundred years ago, there was more Carmenère. They share the same qualities - luscious fruitiness, forward development and high yields. Along came the dreaded phylloxera disease and Carmenère disappeared apparently. It took until 1994 for it to be realised that a lot of Chilean Merlot was actually Carmenère. Red faces all round for growers and experts alike!!

VINEYARD LOCATIONS

What is often not realised is the taste variation that can occur depending on the particular valley, its height, irrigation and general climate. The ongoing developments in the production of quality wines will see this variation become more significant as for instance in Burgundy or New Zealand.



 **RED**

££ **Los Pastos Merlot**

Soft with succulent berry and damson flavours and a pleasing hint of cinnamon spice.

££ **Los Pastos Cabernet Sauvignon**

Smooth, easy drinking and packed with ripe currant flavours and a warm, peppery finish.

Simplicity Cabernet Sauvignon

Packed with ripe blackberry and plum flavours with a hint of chocolate. A good example of well structured Chilean Central Valley winemaking.

Simplicity Merlot

Smooth, succulent and plummy style with delicate hints of spice and crushed black pepper. Extremely popular and well priced.

££ **Lark's Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon**

Fresh and deep flavoured red with good depth of flavour.

Los Espinos Cabernet Sauvignon

Lovely, concentrated blackberry fruit with good structure and a delicious, long aftertaste.

Los Espinos Merlot

Black cherry and bramble scented with a smooth and weighty palate

Taste
Guide

Trade
Sales Price

B

£3.59

C

£3.59

C

£4.05

C

£4.05

B

£4.25

C

£4.55

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£4.55





RED

Taste Guide Trade Sales Price

Concha y Toro Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

Concha are one of Chile's best known producers, particularly famous for their care and quality control. The Cabernet is lip-smackingly full of flavour.

C

£4.65

Concha y Toro Mountain Merlot

Concha's Merlot is soft, round and warm with a smooth, weighty palate and intense plum and cherry flavours.

C

£4.65



Vistamar Sepia Reserva Pinot Noir

A very properly made Pinot oozing summer berry flavours with a juicy, slightly spicy finish.

B

£5.25



Casa Silva Cabernet Carmenère

70% Cabernet and 30% Carmenère produces very fresh and intense currant flavours with notes of allspice and cedar. Soft tannins and excellent balance give a very long lingering aftertaste and show why Casa Silva is Chile's most award winning producer.

D

£5.60

Casa Silva Carmenère Coleccion

Spicy, full-bodied and prize-winning wine with great structure and power.

D

£6.01



Nostros Reserva Pinot Noir

This wine has the intense pungency and flavours of a classic 'gamey' Pinot Noir whilst expressing a lot of elegance. Extremely attractive and at a very favourable price for the quality.

B

£5.91

Nostros Gran Reserva Merlot

Lovely ripe fruit with balancing acidity, tannins and complexity. This is a well crafted fruit driven wine with good structure, length and intensity.

C

£5.91

Nostros Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon

Intense concentration of blackcurrant fruit combined with balancing tannins and integrated new oak. Great length and finish – goes very well with any rich or complex red meat dishes.

C

£5.91



ROSÉ

££ Los Pastos Merlot Rosé

Stylish with good red berry fruit feel and soft refreshing acidity.

2A

£3.59

Simplicity Cabernet Merlot Rosé

Concentrated cherry and raspberry fruit. A persistent lingering aftertaste and soft acidity makes this rosé extremely attractive drinking.

2B

£4.05

Los Espinos Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé

Full flavoured rosé, with a medley of red fruits on the taste and a crisp finish.

2B

£4.55





WHITE

	Taste Guide	Trade Sales Price
££ Los Pastos Sauvignon Blanc Lovely herbaceous tropical fruit flavours with refreshing balancing acidity.	1	£3.59
££ Los Pastos Chardonnay Smooth and satisfying with ripe peach and pineapple flavours and a hint of creamy richness.	2	£3.59
Simplicity Sauvignon Blanc Classic young, zingy, fresh and herby feel. Tantalising ripe citrus tropical fruit flavours.	1	£4.05
Simplicity Chardonnay Very versatile medium-bodied varietal with scents of apples and melon. Soft, round and refreshing with a grapey finish.	2	£4.05
££ Lark's Ridge Sauvignon Blanc Super entry level Sauvignon with lots of fruit and tangy flavours.	1	£4.25
 Los Espinos Sauvignon Blanc A vibrant and refreshing taste and feel in the mouth with a classic gooseberry and elderflower finish.	1	£4.55
Los Espinos Chardonnay Good balance of citrus Chardonnay fruit and honey and vanilla tones.	2	£4.55
Concha y Toro Mountain Sauvignon Blanc Herbaceous Sauvignon which is crisp, dry and refreshing.	1	£4.65
Concha y Toro Mountain Chardonnay Lots of vibrant, lemony fruit with very careful oaking make this well-balanced and with a long finish.	2	£4.65
 Casa Silva Chardonnay Semillon Made from over one hundred year old, low yielding vines, this internationally acclaimed wine is handcrafted from the finest strips of vineyard.	2	£5.60
££ Nostros Reserva Sauvignon Blanc This wine has superb herbaceous fruit aromas and a distinctly refreshing, crisp Sauvignon fruit flavour and aftertaste. A real bargain.	1	£5.91
Nostros Gran Reserva Chardonnay Lots of melon, apple and concentrated tropical fruits combine with integrated new oak to give this wine a rich, creamy smooth texture and extremely long finish. Enjoy with highly flavoured white meats or fish dishes.	2	£5.91



CHILE